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SUBJECT:MIA RESOLUTION AT UNGA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION. BEGIN TEXT:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, RECALLING THAT ONE OF THE BASIC PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO RESOLVE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS,

REGRETTING THAT ARMED CONFLICTS HAVE CONTINUED TO CAUSE WIDE-
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SPREAD HUMAN SUFFERING;

RECOGNIZING THAT ONE OF THE TRAGIC RESULTS OF ARMED CONFLICTS IS THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON PERSONS, CIVILIANS AS WELL AS COMBATANTS, WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION OR WHO DIED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFLICT,

NOTING WITH APPROVAL THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS AT TEHRAN, IRAN, ON NOVEMBER 14, 1973, CALLING ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE HUMANITARIAN TASK OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,

REAFFIRMING

----- THE URGENT NEED TO ENSURE FULL AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 ON THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS,

CONSIDERING

----- THAT THE DESIRE TO KNOW THE FATE OF LOVED ONES LOST IN ARMED CONFLICTS IS A BASIC HUMAN EMOTION WHICH SHOULD BE SATISFIED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND THAT PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON THOSE WHO ARE MISSING OR WHO HAVE DIED IN ARMED CONFLICTS DESERVES A SERIOUS AND HIGH PRIORITY AND SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED PENDING RESOLUTION OF OTHER ISSUES.

CALLS ON

----- PARTIES TO CONFLICTS DURING HOSTILITIES AND AFTER END OF HOSTILITIES, TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE WITHIN THEIR POWER TO LOCATE AND CARE FOR THE GRAVES OF THE DEAD, TO FACILITATE THE DISINTERMENT AND THE RETURN OF REMAINS IF THIS IS REQUESTED BY THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO COOPERATE IN THE SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION.

ENDORSES

----- THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE ICRC AND THE CENTRAL TRACING AGENCIES TO ASSIST PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS IN THE TASK OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,

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REQUESTS

----- THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO EXERT ALL EFFORTS WITHIN HIS POWER TO HELP RESOLVE THIS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LOCATION OR THE CHARACTER OF THE ARMED CONFLICTS IN WHICH PERSONS MAY BE LOST,

CALLS ON

----- ALL PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS TO COOPERATE WITH
PROTECTING POWERS, WITH THE ICRC AND THE CENTRAL TRACING
AGENCIES, WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AND WITH SUCH OTHER
APPROPRIATE BODIES AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS PURPOSE,
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED
CONFLICTS, INCLUDING PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER COUNTRIES
NOT PARTIES TO THE ARMED CONFLICT,

URGES

----- PARTICIPANTS IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTER-
NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS TO
GIVE CONSIDERATION TO MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE PRO-
VISIONS OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW ON
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